

**RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
WILLIAM BURKE
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize Chief Probation Officer William Burke who has served Marin County from August 22, 2006 until March 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Chief Probation Officer William Burke began his career with the Humboldt County Probation Department 30 years ago, beginning as a Group Counselor in their Juvenile Hall facility and finishing his career at their department as the Chief Probation Officer; and

WHEREAS, through his unwavering leadership and exceptional management abilities, Chief Probation Officer William Burke made significant changes within the Marin County Probation Department to improve the professionalism of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Chief Burke has instilled a comprehensive vision throughout the entire organization, which has focused on the use of evidence-based practices, managing for results, and establishing fair and responsible business practices; and

WHEREAS, Chief Burke has set a high standard for all of the Marin County Probation Department's employees, and has created a management legacy which will remain in place beyond his tenure with the Department, including revising the Department mission statement, memorializing Department practices in the form of written policies and procedures, and preparing the Department for significant changes both during his tenure and in the future; and

WHEREAS, Chief Probation Officer William Burke was able to accomplish his goal of advancing the Probation Department's goals, mission and values, while at the same time keeping a dry sense of humor about him, and maintaining his work-life balance on the ski slopes of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its gratitude for the many contributions that Chief Probation Officer William Burke has made to both the Marin County Probation Department and to the County of Marin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors thanks and commends Chief Probation Officer William Burke for his years of dedicated service to the people of Marin, the Marin County Probation Department and the field of probation as a whole, and sends him forth, with deep appreciation, to start the next chapter of his life.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 24th day of March 2009.